

WHEATLAND TOWNSHIP 2022 SUMMER NEWSLETTER

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ROAD PROJECTS... FINALLY!

\$256,106.71 Road fund Balance as of 4/30/22
\$145,575.00 Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund
\$401,681.71
-\$20,000 that will be kept in the Road Fund
\$381,681.71
\$62,500.00 from Road Commission for Rd Projects
\$444,181.71
\$55,875.00 from the General Twp. Fund
\$500,056.71
-\$596,960.20 Project Cost
-\$96,903.49 still needed to cover the cost
\$100,000 loan that will be paid off with Rd Fund millage over the next 5 years
\$3096.51
\$62,500 from County Commissioners that matched the Road Commission monies for Road Projects
\$65,596.51 (Some of this monies will go back into the General Fund as we will not use the whole \$55,875)

Thank you, Wheatland Township (WT), for helping conquer this huge task. Back in Aug 2016 you voted in 1 mill for a Road Fund for 10 years. That was the beginning....

Each year we collect \$42,000 from millage. We take out the cost of brining the gravel roads and snow removal in town and the rest goes for road repair. What projects have been completed? WT was able to pave ½ mile on 60th Ave (which WT shares the mile with Morton Township) 2 miles on 50th Ave and 2 miles on 10th Ave. How did WT accomplish this task? After passing the road millage back in 2016 (collecting \$42,000 a year taking monies out for brining and snow removal) WT had \$256,106.71 in that budget to put towards roads. The Road Commission gave each township \$62,500 to put towards road projects. The County Commissioners matched the Road Commission and also gave each township \$62,500 to put towards roads. WT received Covid monies of \$145,575 and WT had voted to put \$55,875 out of the general fund towards the project. The total cost of the project was \$596,960.20, we were \$100,000 short but knew we would be collecting that road money during the next 5 years with the road millage so we took out a loan that we will pay 1 annual payment and have it paid off at the end of 5 years at the end of the road millage, which will need to be renewed to keep monies in our road fund budget.

Huge Task Accomplished

Wheatland Township Library Paid Off 8 years Early On March 29th we received the Paid Off Notice for our Wheatland Township Library. Original payoff date was October 2030. Due to the taxable value in Wheatland Township increasing over the past 22 years we were able to pay this off 8 years early. The Library Debt millage will be taken off from taxes starting this year. Nice job Wheatland Township!

Clean Up Day September 24..... We will be partnering with Sheridan Township with a Fall Clean-Up Day. This will take place on Saturday, September 24 from 9-12 and will be held at the County Garage located on 2945 Arthur Road. PLEASE take advantage of this morning to clean up your property **FREE OF CHARGE!!!!**

Marijuana in Wheatland Township (WT)?

Back in 2018 the State of Michigan put Legalizing Recreational Marijuana on the ballot. It passed Statewide by 58% however, Wheatland Township voters turned it down by 56%. The Township Board opted out of having any license for Recreational Marijuana in our Township. As a matter of fact, to date there are no Townships in Mecosta County that allow Recreational Marijuana licenses. Last July WT had a community member attend a board meeting and asked the board to reconsider our Ordinance on Recreational Marijuana and to opt in so they could have a commercial grow. WT has since had 2-3 others come to us and ask about having a store to sell Recreational Marijuana within Wheatland Township. WT listened, researched, and invited lawyers and a consultant to public meetings that WT held to help our community learn more information about Recreational Marijuana. There are pros and cons to this topic. You can go to Remus.org and look up our meeting minutes for all meetings concerning this topic, (From July 2021-May 2022). The Township Board has voted to place a question on the November Ballot asking all Wheatland Township voters to voice their choice on this topic. The Board is encouraging you to read and learn about different areas in Michigan that have opted in/stayed opted out. Make your own list of pros and cons and

PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE

Make sure to vote in November on this very important topic.



**PLEASE SEE DDA SURVEY ON THE BACK OF THIS NEWSLETTER.
THANKS FOR YOUR TIME TAKING THE SURVEY.**



Wheatland Township Survey

The Remus DDA would appreciate your feedback on a community survey to better assist our area in the future. Please respond to the questions below and give any feedback you would like at the bottom. We appreciate your participation and look forward to using the results in a positive way to make Remus the best it can be for business, residents, visitors and any one lucky enough to enjoy our hometown. If you would like additional information or to do this electronically please go to remus.org or email remusmida@gmail.com.

Please return to Wheatland Township DDA at your earliest convenience via drop box at 201 S Sheridan or by mail to PO Box 229.

Demographics

Age Bracket: Under 18 18-25 26-35 36-50 51-70 Over 70

Marital Status: Single Married Married with Children Single with Children

Residential Status (circle all that apply): TWP Resident TWP Worker Prior TWP Resident

Survey Questions

- 1.) What are strengths of our area/town?
- 2.) What do you like most about our area?
- 3.) What can we work on in our town, how can we make it a better place to live?
- 4.) What community aspect are we missing that you would like to see in our area/town?
- 5.) How can we bring businesses to downtown?
- 6.) What retail type business would you like to add to our area?
- 7.) Are you concerned about any issues in your neighborhood?
- 8.) What do you think are the most significant social issues/challenges facing our community?
 Mental health Obesity Lack of activities for families Lack of sidewalks
 Other:
- 9.) What would you like the community to lead, support, or promote?
- 10.) What kinds of activities might you be interested in if they were available in our community?
- 11.) What type of additional housing would you like offered in this area?
 More apartment style residence Rental properties
 Residential subdivisions Residential Homes for Sale

12.) Additional Comments: